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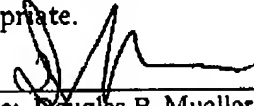
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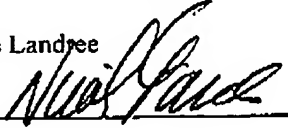
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Applicant: KOMORI et al. Examiner: Angela J. Martin  
Serial No.: 10/798,149 Group Art Unit: 1745  
Filed: March 10, 2004 Docket No.: 10873.1419US01  
Title: NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE STORAGE BATTERY

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/607,581, filed June 26, 2003. A copy of the specification for the above mentioned application is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Please charge deposit account 50-3478 in the amount of \$180.00 for the prescribed fee.

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